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RECEIVING CHARGE

BROADSTAIRS SHOPKEEPER SENT FOR TRIAL

At the request of his solicitor, Sidney James Houghton, aged 67, of "The Man's Shop," High-street, Broadstairs, was committed for trial at Deal Quarter Sessions by the magistrates at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday.

Houghton appeared on remand on a charge of receiving a nickel pocket watch, value £1 8s., the property of H.M. Government, and a watch chain, value 2s., the property of L/Cpl. John Lenton Thatcher, well knowing them to have been stolen.

Three further charges were preferred against him. Two related to the watch—being in unlawful possession of Government stores, contrary to the Public Stores Act, 1875, and being in unlawful possession of military stores, contrary to the Army Act, 1881. The fourth charge was of receiving a pair of secateurs, value 2s. 6d., knowing them to have been stolen.

Mr. A. R. Young, who represented defendant, entered a plea of not guilty on all charges.

Might Prejudice Defendant.

Mr. Eric Weale, county prosecuting solicitor, said he understood defendant would elect to go for trial, but pointed out that the alleged offence under the Public Stores Act was not one which could be dealt with elsewhere. It had to be dealt with summarily by that court. If, however, it was dealt with that day it might prejudice defendant's case when proceedings on the other charges took place in a higher court. In those circumstances he suggested that that charge should be adjourned sine die. If defendant was convicted on the other charges the magistrates would not be troubled with that particular charge, and if not it could be brought before the court again.

Mr. W. Booth Reeve, a member of the bench, asked if it was not possible for all the charges to be dealt with that day by the magistrates, instead of committing defendant to a higher court. It seemed to him that it might be more in the interests of the man to have it dealt with there.

Taint if Convicted.

"I would be very happy to say that my client will have the cases disposed of to-day," went on Mr. Young, "but if he is convicted he remains tainted with a conviction for dishonesty which may follow him for the rest of his life."

Mr. Weale said L/Cpl. Thatcher was billeted in Broadstairs and was issued with an Army watch on which was engraved "A 12179 G.S. Mk. II," with the Government broad arrow beneath. It was attached to his own watch chain. On Wednesday, 30th September, he left it hanging in his billet about 6 p.m. and three hours later it was missing. A boy who had been dealt with by the juvenile court would give evidence that he went to the billet to play draughts with the soldiers and purloined the watch and chain. He took it to the defendant, who bought it for half a crown. He did not inquire where it came from, but asked the boy whose it was. The boy told him it was his father's. Although without a glass, the watch was functioning properly and yet he only paid the modest sum of 2s. 6d. for it.

Another boy took a pair of secateurs from his grandfather's toolshed and went to accused's shop, asking if he would buy them. They were in quite a good condition and he received 3d. for them.

Twenty Years in Business.

"I understand," continued Mr. Weale, "that defendant has been in business 20 years and it should be apparent to him that buying articles from boys is a dangerous practice." Apparently, on 12th October, after he had been seen by the police about the watch, defendant returned the secateurs to the boy who brought them to him—conduct which was very significant. Clearly, suggested Mr. Weale, defendant would never have done that if his conscience had been clear.

L/Cpl. Thatcher gave evidence of missing the watch and chain. He said the watch was issued to him by the Army.

A 14-year-old boy admitted taking the watch and chain from the billet. He said he took it straight to "The Man's Shop," and asked defendant if he wanted to buy it. He replied that he would and asked who the watch belonged to. Witness told him it was his father's. He was paid 2s. 6d. for it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Young, the boy said he knew defendant and was friendly with him. He and other boys went to see his museum.

Mr. Young: Did you mean him to understand you had the watch to sell with your father's consent?

Witness: Yes.

Mr. Weale: When he asked you if it was your father's watch did he ask you if your father had given you permission to sell it?

Witness: No.

Secateurs Returned.

Another boy, aged 13, said he took a pair of secateurs from his grandfather's tool box in September and asked defendant if he would buy them. He said he would and gave him 3d. for them. Defendant said they were not much good to him. On Monday, 12th October, a boy told him something and in consequence he went to defendant's shop. Defendant gave him the secateurs and told him to put them back.

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THREW CYCLE AT POLICEMAN

DELIGHTFUL EVENING SPOILED

A soldier who stated that he "borrowed" a cycle belonging to a W.A.A.F. which he found outside a dance hall and intended to return it to the police appeared before the magistrates at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday.

Gnr. Charles Cecil Reginald Breewood, aged 25, was fined £1 for stealing a bicycle from Marine-terrace, Margate, on Saturday, the property of the Air Ministry, and £1 for assaulting D/C Lilliott while in the execution of his duty.

A leading aircraftwoman in the W.A.A.F., Sonia Lucille Gray said she went to a dance at Dreamland on Saturday evening, leaving her cycle outside. When she came out at 10.50 p.m. the machine was missing.

D/C Lilliott said that at 10.45 p.m. he was standing at the Clock Tower with his cycle, being off duty, when he saw accused ride past him on a woman's cycle without lights. Witness rode after him in the direction of Cecil-square and caught up with him at the junction of Grosvenor-place. When asked where he obtained the cycle he replied "My girl lent it to me." He was asked for the name of the girl and said "Miss Edwards, 22 Alpha-road, Broadstairs." Witness told him he was not satisfied with his explanation and that he would take him to the police station for further inquiries. Defendant then said "All right. I took it from the dance at Dreamland." On reaching the entrance to the Town Hall defendant said "Take the —— bike," and threw it at witness' legs. He ran away along Duke-street towards the harbour. Witness gave chase and caught defendant at the junction with the Parade.

Had a Few Drinks.

Breewood, who pleaded not guilty to the theft charge, said he had had a few drinks and went to a dance. When he came out he realised he had lost the last bus to Broadstairs and as he had to be in at 11.30 p.m. he took a bicycle. He had no intention of stealing it. He borrowed it and intended to leave it at the police station at Broadstairs.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer): Do you seriously ask the court to believe that you intended to take the bicycle you had stolen to the police at Broadstairs and tell them what you had done?

Accused: That was my intention. I had no intention of keeping it.

The Chief Constable: In over 30 years' police experience I have never yet known that to be done by a person who has stolen a bicycle. Are you the exception to the rule? Did it occur to you how the owner was going to get home?

Accused: I realise now it was a caddish thing to do.

Defendant pleaded guilty to the assault charge.

An officer from defendant's unit said the man was an excellent soldier and a Territorial before the war. The only crime he had committed in the Army was overstaying his leave by six minutes.

Announcing the fines, the Mayor (Alderman G. P. Hoare) said it was an unfortunate episode. What was probably a delightful evening was marred by the man's absurd behaviour.

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Cross-examined, the boy said he had been to defendant's shop to see his museum.

Mr. Young: When he gave the secateurs back to you he told you to put them back from where you got them. Did he say anything else?

Witness: Yes. If I got them by unfair means to put them back.

Did you gather that he did not want you to get into trouble?—Yes. He told me I would not get into so much trouble with the police.

In reply to the bench, the boy said defendant had the secateurs about a month.

Statement to Police.

D/C Self, K.C.C., stationed at Broadstairs, said that on 5th October he and W/R/C Gayler went to see defendant at his shop and told him he had reason to believe he had purchased a pocket watch and chain from a lad on 30th September. Witness explained that the articles had been stolen from a military billet. Defendant said "Tell me the name of the lad and I will get my half-crown back." He then handed witness the watch, which he took from behind a small cupboard in the shop. The watch was in perfect working order. Witness told him he would be arrested for receiving the articles, and at Broadstairs police station showed him a copy of a statement made by the boy. Defendant then made the following statement: "The statement is quite in order. When he came into the shop I asked him where he got it. I said 'Is your father in the Army?' He said 'Yes.' When I turned the watch over I saw a number and thought it was an identification number in the Army. A day or so afterwards I was winding it up and noticed the broad arrow on it. Being broken, no glass, as damaged goods I thought it had been thrown out. I know the lad. If it had been a stranger I should not have bought it."

Mr. Young said defendant would reserve his defence and asked to be committed for trial on the three charges, to which he pleaded not guilty.

Defendant was committed to Deal Quarter Sessions, to be held early in November. He was allowed bail.

The charge under the Public Stores Act was adjourned sine die.

A TANK IS AMBUSHED

SUNDAY MORNING BATTLE

"RECCE" PATROL WIPED OUT

A reconnaissance patrol brought back the information. A tank had come to a standstill at the far side of the road-block.

"Action stations." Silently the defenders took up their positions. Suddenly the Sunday morning silence was shattered by a series of deafening explosions.

Over the spot where the tank had been hung a pall of blue smoke. The acrid smell of explosives was carried towards us by the wind.

The smoke began to clear. We strained our eyes for a first glimpse of the effect of the attack. It had succeeded. Wreckage lay all around. Another tank would fight no more.

The incident was not in Egypt or Russia but in Ramsgate. The "tank-busters" were not regular soldiers but a section of Ramsgate's citizen army—No. 3 (Ramsgate) Platoon, 28th Batt. (1st Southern Railway) Home Guard.

Engine-drivers, firemen, clerks—all have been trained in guerilla warfare and are standing ready at a moment's notice to go into action against any invaders who might gain a footing in this country.

Deadly Weapons.

The Home Guard is only a little over two years old but great changes have been wrought since the formation of the "broomstick" army. For many a month training was in advance of the weapons but now the weapons are to hand and these civilian soldiers know how to use them. They carry rifles or Sten guns and they have devices for hurling at the enemy H.E. armour-piercing grenades, gelignite grenades, incendiary phosphorous grenades, "sticky" bombs and other explosives. They are the "real thing" and the men who handle them are confident that if they are put to the test they will not fail to make good use of them.

No. 3 Platoon are fortunate in having as their C.O. Lt. J. Hamblin, who is also explosives instructor at the Battalion Training School.

Lt. Hamblin makes no secret of the fact that he loves explosives. He is never happier than when he is handling them and he even lets them knock him about.

Lt. Hamblin was responsible for Sunday's demonstration and it was carried out by the men under his command, many of whom have been through a "battle innoculation" course.

Civilian Visitors.

If war comes to these shores most civilians will have a part to play and it was appropriate that those who saw the show should include police and Civil Defence workers in addition to officers and men from 6th (Thanet) and 25th (Post Office) Batts., Kent Home Guard.

Camouflage is vital in war and the first demonstration showed how it should and should not be done. With the aid of grass stuck in the nets of their tin hats the snipers blended themselves into the hedgerows. Care was taken to cover the hands and face, the most likely parts of the body to give away the sniper.

We all flocked past one bush which concealed a Home Guard with a Tommy gun who could have mown us all down. Improvisation is now permitted and one member of the platoon had painted his denim suit in shades of green and brown to harmonise with the surroundings.

A sniper's "mouse-trap" had been cleverly prepared and one could walk within a few feet of it without knowing it was there.

This led on to the right and wrong ways of carrying out a "recce" patrol, which was instructed to bring back information about an armoured fighting vehicle believed to be in the vicinity.

Four Casualties.

First an N.C.O. and three men demonstrated the wrong way of going about matters. They were laughing and shouting, waving to each other, and were sharply silhouetted against the sky-line. They did not last long. A hand-grenade was lobbed over and down they all went.

A section went out to bring in the four wounded men and after they had been "labelled" and brought back they were treated by men and women of the Civil Defence first aid parties.

The "recce" which did bring back the information put up a very good show. The patrol was ably led by a corporal who must have made a close study of the movements of a snake. Without noise and with movement reduced to a minimum the patrol wormed its way forward. A shot rang out and the patrol "froze" to a man. When all was quiet again further progress was made. It was unfortunate that just when he got the tank in view the leader of the patrol put his head in the way of a bullet but the second man took over and returned with the vital information which led to the ambush of the tank.

From the word "go" the demolition of the tank took less than 30 seconds. The men of No. 3 Platoon, all carefully concealed, let it have everything, and bits of the tank flew in all directions.

One-Man Ambush.

The final, and most interesting demonstration of the lot, was the one-man tank ambush, performed by Lt. Hamblin.

Lt. Hamblin said similar methods had been adopted with great success in Libya. It also served to prove, he said, that it was possible to be quite close to a high explosive charge without being hurt.

Lt. Hamblin began by lobbing a "sticky" bomb at a tank, which brought it to a standstill. He walked up to the tank with another "sticky" and smacked it on the side. He turned and walked casually away. He had not got more than a few yards when there was a terrific flash and explosion which lifted him right off his feet. He then picked up a Tommy gun and fired a burst to show that he was all right.

It may be unmilitary to clap, but Lt. Hamblin certainly deserved the round of applause which greeted him.

Throughout the demonstration Lt. Hamblin was ably assisted by his second in command, 2nd-Lt. P. Hillman.

Deliberate Fraud

FIREMAN'S TRAIN JOURNEY

A member of the N.F.S. who travelled by railway from Maidstone to Dumpton Park on a ticket which covered only a small part of the journey was summoned at Ramsgate police court on Monday.

Defendant, Ernest Charles Nutter, whose address was given as The Godlands, Tovil, was summoned for travelling beyond the station of destination shown on his ticket without having previously paid the additional fare and with intent to avoid payment, on 4th August.

Mr. J. H. Jones, who prosecuted on behalf of the Southern Railway, stated that defendant started his journey by purchasing a ticket to Bearsted. He travelled on to Dumpton Park and on alighting from the train offered to pay his fare from Minster. He would therefore not have paid his fare in respect of that part of the journey from Bearsted to Minster, which amounted to 7s. 5d. Seen by a police officer, he said "I admit it. I left my money at the depot and tried to get home cheaply." His wife and two children, aged six and three, were at Ramsgate, and his earnings were £3 10s. a week plus subsistence allowances.

George Edward Sadler, a booking clerk at Maidstone East, said Nutter purchased a single ticket from that station to Bearsted on 4th August and got on the 7.35 a.m. train.

Albert William Coombe, a porter ticket collector at Dumpton Park station, said the train arrived at Dumpton Park at 9.38 a.m. and defendant offered him 9d. as his fare from Minster. He did not accept it.

Evidence was also given by Arthur Robert Noakes, a special constable from Gravesend, who said he saw defendant at his depot in Maidstone. Nutter told him he left his money at the depot and tried to get home cheaply.

Defendant did not appear but wrote to the court stating that the fare would have been paid on the day he made the journey if he had not left his money at the depot.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said it was a deliberate attempt to defraud the railway and defendant would be fined £1, plus £1 1s. costs.

BOROUGH OF RAMSGATE

Clearance of Lofts Order, 1942

In pursuance of an Order made by the Minister of Home Security under Defence Regulations 27 (2), and dated 30th July, 1942, all lofts which are not used for human habitation must be cleared and kept clear of all articles excluding fire-fighting apparatus.

This Local Authority by virtue of the powers vested in them under the Order have authorised the Fire Guard Staff Officer and his whole-time Fire Guard Staff to inspect any dwelling-house in the area to ascertain whether the Order has been complied with.

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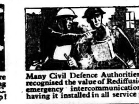

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Walking along Royal-esplanade, Margate, on Friday, Mr. William James Harris, aged 55 years, of Cambridge-road, Battersea, S.W., collapsed and died before medical assistance could be obtained.

He was on a day's visit to the town to inspect his house and was walking along with his wife when he said "Just a minute" and fell down. She ran to a house for help and a doctor was called but Mr. Harris had passed away when he arrived.

As death was due to natural causes an inquest was unnecessary.

Another sudden death was reported at Margate during the week-end. Mrs. May, of 28 Brooke-avenue, Garlinge, found her husband, Mr. Edward Thomas May, dead in bed on Sunday morning. Formerly a labourer, Mr. May was 80 years of age and had been in failing health for several years, although his condition was no worse when he went to bed on Saturday night.

MAYOR-ELECT

ENTERTAINS MARGATE "SPECIALS"

Margate's Mayor-elect, Councillor F. J. Cornford, entertained members of the Westgate and Birchington sections of the Special Constabulary to dinner at Rowena Court Hotel, Westgate, last week.

Councillor Cornford will relinquish his position as inspector of the western sections of the Special Constabulary on his election as Mayor and the "specials" showed their good wishes by presenting him with a pair of silver candlesticks, while he received a set of cuff-links from the regulars.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) paid tribute to the keen interest Councillor Cornford had shown in the work of the Special Constabulary.

On behalf of the Westgate section of the specials, Inspr. Cornford presented a case of tools to Mr. F. A. Burgess in appreciation of his work as sergeant of the section. A few months ago he found it necessary to resign owing to his duties as adjutant of the Thanet squadron of the A.T.C.

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A copy of the said Accounts, duly made up and balanced, and all Rate Books, Account Books, Deeds, Contracts, Accounts, Vouchers and Receipts relating to the Accounts will be deposited at the Municipal Buildings aforesaid and will for seven clear days before the Audit be open at all reasonable hours to the inspection of all persons interested.

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H. G. CURTIS
Town Clerk.

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LESSONS in Mathematics and English wanted by service man.—Write, Box 631, " Advertiser " Office, Ramsgate. 65

SOLDIER'S LEAVE

TRAVELLED WITH FRIEND'S TICKET

A soldier's trip to London led to his appearance with a friend at Ramsgate county police court on Tuesday.

George Lampy was charged with travelling on the Southern Railway without paying his fare and with unlawfully buying a railway ticket at Minster between 7th June and 15th August this year. The other defendant, William Thomas Went, appeared for aiding and abetting Lampy in the first offence and for unlawfully selling a railway ticket.

Albert James Shelton, a ticket collector, said he was on duty on a train between Ramsgate and London on 15th August. He saw Lampy, who showed him a Government rate ticket from Walmer to Leyton. He noticed that it had been issued some time previously and said to defendant " Have you got the return half?" Lampy said he had not the return half and he had bought the ticket for 2s. 6d. from a mate. Witness told him the ticket was not transferable and the matter would be reported.

In reply to Lampy, witness agreed that he offered to pay his fare on the spot.

Frederick George Oliver, a special constable employed by the Southern Railway, said he interviewed Lampy, who told him he had bought the ticket off Went for 2s. 6d. Went, who was afterwards seen by witness, said the forward half of the ticket had not been used as he travelled to Whitstable by car.

Went told the magistrates he knew Lampy was going on leave and gave him the ticket. Lampy later gave him 2s. 6d. to get some cigarettes. The ticket was therefore not deliberately sold.

An officer who gave evidence said the two men were extremely good soldiers and he was surprised to see them at the court.

Lampy was fined 10s. in the first case and Went was fined a similar amount for aiding and abetting him. The other charges were dismissed.

CHARLEY'S AMERICAN AUNT

JACK BENNY AT ODEON

Laughter and drama go to make up this week's programmes at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate.

Heading the bill to-day (Tuesday) and to-morrow is "Charley's American Aunt," starring Jack Benny and Kay Francis. The film is based on Brandon Thomas' immortal comedy. Preview audiences hailed Jack Benny as "the funniest thing in skirts." Kay Francis is the real aunt who turns up at the wrong time and James Ellison is the friend who needs the help. The programme also includes Roddy McDowall in "On the Sunny Side," his first starring role. It is a gay, heart-warming story of a London lad, bombed out by the blitz, who is sent to America for the duration.

A double feature programme is being presented for the latter part of the week. "Highway to Freedom" stars Robert Young as a steady, unassuming worker in an aircraft factory. Marsha Hunt is his wife and Darryl Hickman portrays their son. Young is detailed to work on a secret bomb-sight which draws the attention of four enemy agents. He is kidnapped and tortured but refuses to divulge the secret mechanism. His escape by a dramatic ruse is logical and his swift memory serves to capture the gang in a brilliant climax. The second feature is "Castle in the Desert," in which Sidney Toler again plays the part of Charlie Chan. It unfolds the strange story of an eccentric millionaire and his nobly-born wife, descendant of the famous 14th century Borgias, notorious for their poison murders. When two house guests suddenly are stricken and the finger of suspicion points to poison, things begin to happen. The ingenious detective is called in to solve a mystery so strange it almost stops him.

THIS WEEK'S SHORT STORY

MISS EAGLES REVEALS IT

by THOMAS H. CLAYTON

Miss Eagles was as much a part of the placid, easy moving town of Ducklake as was the Corn Exchange which dominated the Market Square. Her squat, rotund figure, swathed in an abundance of clothing, waddled regularly through the network of stalls and cattle-pens on market days, and to and from church on Sundays, with the same precision as the striking of the Butter Cross clock.

Just as the clock unfailingly intoned the passing hours, so she heaved her barrel shape into a pew at service every Sunday, or moved stolidly among the market stalls.

There were stories about her, of course; but the rumours of early and disastrous love affairs were without confirmation. Her age could only be guessed at. Some credited her with sixty years, others seventy.

But her age, like her past, remained a mystery, for, unless it was absolutely compulsory, Miss Eagles never spoke to a soul.

A succession of local vicars called on her to coax her into the light of parochial life, but quickly gave up the struggle. But the Reverend Ryan tried a different method of approach: by not approaching at all. The latest of the succession of clerics to the township, he arrived as fresh as his own complexion, tall, lean, fortyish, with a burning yet controlled enthusiasm.

He was soon aware of Miss Eagles, in so far as he saw her at service, heard the gossip about her, and concluded that her reluctance to join the flock was merely a conscious desire to be left alone.

He was content, therefore, not to shelve her, but to docket her away with other problems which confronted him: repairs to the church; the appalling condition of a certain row of cottages; the arrogant possessiveness of the church organist: and because he had reformist urges, the studied indifference of that worthy to conditions of that particular row of cottages, of which he was the owner.

There was then, to the Reverend Ryan, much which was wrong, and since he had schooled himself to seek the heart of all the difficulties he encountered, he applied himself instantly and vigorously to a campaign of rejuvenation, and started it from the pulpit.

His flock fluttered their hands and handkerchiefs in agitation, and whispered in shocked tones the first time he preached. But on the next Sunday he had more than some difficulty in accommodating the increased numbers attending, and from then Ducklake resembled a sleeper, jerked suddenly upright in bed. It sat uncertain, with tousled hair; knuckling its eyes in resentment at being roused. The newcomer's activities, his energy and endurance, staggered them, he seemed to be everywhere. He was to be found in tap-rooms as frequently as in drawing-rooms, and lectured at the Women's Institute with such verve and penetration that the membership nearly doubled. He tracked with the Scouts, and refereed net-ball matches for the Guides.

Miss Eagles Cries.

And then on a Sunday in February, preceding Valentine's Day, the Reverend Ryan caused something to happen, the like of which could not be recalled in the living memory of Ducklake.

He made Miss Eagles cry.

She sat in her accustomed pew, gazing straight at him as he spoke, her bunched shoulders jerking forward spasmodically as the tears rolled down her fat cheeks. Great shuddering sobs racked her whole body, as thought they had been stored there for years.

With his long, loping strides he came the length of the church to her, bending his tall figure over her huddled, plump misery.

" Was it because I spoke of St. Valentine and Valentine cards?" he asked gently.

A fresh spasm shook her as she nodded, and he resolved to find a solution to the problem of her mystery. Touched, and scenting romance, he saw her after the service. The interview was difficult, and charged with wandering half-statements, so vague as to be useless, but he left feeling that he had made headway, and it was no great surprise when she was announced at the Vicarage early next morning. It was clear that she wanted to talk, and he touched the chord which he thought might unburden her secret.

" It will help you to tell me, Miss Eagles," he encouraged; and, leaning forward: " Tell me about the Valentine: about the mistake."

She looked up sharply, as a woman might on hearing her age guessed to the very day.

" Wasn't no mistake," she said slowly, and after a pause, " not on my part it wasn't."

One pudgy hand chased nervously round her face, rubbing her forehead and her nose in agitation.

" Sometimes I think it might have been," she said uncertainly, and then he saw her eyes fill with tears again, and she looked round her desperately, as though wrongly accused.

" One is often able to renew the bonds of friendship which have been severed by unfortunate errors," the Vicar told her.

This hint, dressed deliberately in stilted language, had an electrifying effect on her. She jumped up as though she had been bounced.

" I brought it," she said breathlessly. " I brought the address!"

Words, unspoken through the years of her lonelines, cascaded from her.

" You write," she said, and it was almost a command. " Just to see how he is. He was always chesty: coughed terrible he did."

She was excited now and spoke rapidly.

" Smokin', too, made it worse," she confided, and the memory transformed her, lighting her whole features. Her gaze lifted to the Vicar's, and he saw the pain and the suffering from unfulfilled yearning which she had endured.

" I'll find him, Miss Eagles," he promised, and wrote her letter the following day, experiencing considerable surprise as he scanned her crinkled scrap of paper. The address, written in a lean, sloping, masculine hand, was of a ranch in Alberta, Canada.

He reasoned that her pride had prevented her writing herself, but that the intensity of her longing had burst the bonds of caution, and he experienced a glow of sheer pleasure since she had at last elected to confide in him.

He continued his activities in the town with the same vigour and determination. Forcing an issue with his organist, a local retailer of miscellaneous commodities, including stationery and fancy goods, he removed the impression that he—the organist—was the keystone of the church, and quickly had the man discussing the possibility of removing his other aversion, the row of unhygienic cottages which the organist owned.

Months had passed since he had written Miss Eagles' letter, and his feelings, on receiving a visit from a London solicitor were of mingled surprise and relief. But he failed altogether in surprising Miss Eagles.

The Deed Box.

His disclosure that she had been sought for vide the Press advertising columns produced only the casual confession that she could not read, and would not have seen it. Similarly she accepted the news that she had inherited a fortune with no more enthusiasm than she would display when purchasing at market. She remained expressionless, immobile, while the solicitor intoned the details of the will, until he mentioned a deed-box containing private papers.

" Was they **all** papers?" she shot at him.

" All," he answered, " except one card."

A deep, shuddering sigh escaped the woman.

" What does it say?" she whispered.

The Reverend Ryan knew that he was witnessing a revelation, and his hand sought the card from the box.

The shroud, which was Miss Eagles' mystery, dropped like a flung cloak. He saw it all in the cheap Valentine card. It bore a figure of a young girl, posing in a derisive attitude, and underneath was the caption of an old song. It read: " I wouldn't leave my little wooden hut for you."

An then he saw them both, and felt her pent-up misery of not understanding, and of the young country farm-hand's hurt and dismay by her indifference, and it was all as clear as a Ducklake market morning.

Confirmation came in her refusal to sign the necessary documents.

" I can't write," she announced, " or I would have writ to him."

The Reverend Ryan decided on his policy.

" Who sold you this card, Miss Eagles?" he asked. " Can you remember, after all these years?"

She promptly named the Ducklake organist, and the Vicar's lips tightened in anger as he pictured the smug satisfaction of this tradesman when he had perpetrated the cruelty.

" You left the choice to him?" he suggested grimly.

" That's right," she agreed. " He told me it was just the thing. He sent it off there and then. Sharp young feller he was in them days!"

The Vicar looked over and beyond her as if he might have been seeking inspiration from the pulpit.

" You chose an excellent Valentine," he lied. " It bears a quotation from the Scriptures," and slipping the card out of sight into his pocket, he recounted: " ' Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee, for wither thou goest, I will go '."

Miss Eagles was silent for minutes, looking dazed, with the air of one who was bewildered by a sudden blaze of light, as though she had groped in darkness for so long that the revealing rays were too much for her.

" He waited, then," she murmured. " All that time." She braced herself suddenly. " He left me the money to do some good," she told the Vicar. " There's them cottages. I know you want to rebuild them: it's the talk of the place."

They watched her leave the room, and clasped hands, tightly.

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" We shall hold a service for him," promised the Vicar.

" You should have a memorial stone," suggested the solicitor, " on one of the new cottages."

" It is out of the goodness of Miss Eagles' heart that that new row of cottages rises," said the Vicar.

" It is from out of your quick wit that her assured happiness comes," the other answered.

" And I shall dispense with an anti-social retailer of fancy goods, and organist," added the Reverend Ryan. " There are in all, three wrongs, put lastingly and miraculously right."

They shook hands again, both smiling, and coincidence had it that they spoke simultaneously, and voiced the same phrase:

" Which it as it should be," they declared.

The End

The characters in this story are entirely imaginary. No reference is intended to any living person or to any public or private company.

MARRIED 17 YEARS

WIFE SEEKS SEPARATION

Eager to effect a reconciliation between a couple who have been married for 17 years, the Chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve) at Ramsgate county police court on Tuesday sent them out of the room to have a chat with Mr. A. E. Bray, the probation officer.

When they returned Mr. A. R. Young, who appeared for the wife, said he was sorry to inform the magistrates that they had not come to an agreement.

William Ernest Holness, of Sevenscore-cottages, Minster, was summoned for assaulting his wife, Irene Rose Holness, on 6th October, and she made application for a separation order against him.

Mr. Young said defendant came up to his wife where she was working in the farm fields. There was a quarrel and he knocked her down and kicked her in the head.

Holness pleaded guilty to the assault but denied that he kicked his wife in the head. He stated that he had been married 17 years and he was sorry he had assaulted his wife but she was " so unreasonable." He had a family of three girls and two boys.

Adjourning the case for one month, the Chairman appealed to the parties to try and effect a reconciliation and asked Mr. Bray to continue in his efforts to " bring them back again."

CRUEL DECEPTION

BROADSTAIRS MAN SENTENCED FOR BIGAMY

"It was a cruel deception," commented Mr. Justice Oliver at Liverpool Assizes, on Tuesday, in sentencing Acm. Alfred Henry Jack Bowles R.A.F., aged 32, of Westover-road, St. Peter's, to 18 months' hard labour.

Bowles was convicted of bigamously marrying Miss Edna Jones during the lifetime of his wife, Winifred Anne Bowles.

Miss Rose Heilbron, prosecuting, said Bowles was married in 1936 and had two children. After joining the R.A.F. he met a canteen worker and went through a form of marriage with her. He did not tell her he was married.

He left this girl, as he said, to join his unit, but in fact he went back to his wife. During the night he murmured the name " Edna " and when questioned by his wife said it was a girl he had been chasing round.

At the police court hearing at which Bowles was committed for trial Mr. A. Rawlinson, who prosecuted, said Bowles married his legal wife in November, 1936, at Thanet, having been acquainted with her for nine years.

Bowles was at that time a bus conductor, and in September, 1940, he volunteered for service in the R.A.F. Mrs. Bowles then went to live with her mother in Sheffield.

Quiet and Irritable.

Bowles visited his wife frequently and they were happy together for some time. Later they were not so happy, and since October Bowles had visited her on two or three occasions only and then appeared to be quiet and irritable.

" It appears," said Mr. Rawlinson, " that Bowles became acquainted with Miss Edna Jones, who was a hairdresser in Liverpool but who had taken on the duties of volunteer work in the canteen at the Y.M.C.A., Church-street, Liverpool. They went out together, Miss Jones being under the impression that he was a single man. He proposed marriage, and the wedding was arranged for 18th May but was postponed because Bowles had an attack of appendicitis. The ceremony was performed at Walton parish church on 4th June and they went to Kendal for their honeymoon.

" After a week's honeymoon he left Miss Jones to rejoin his unit but went direct to his legal wife. Shortly after his arrival, his wife, while searching his gas mask for his ration cards, found a letter in very friendly terms in a woman's handwriting, signed ' E.' That night, while he was in bed, his wife heard him talking in his sleep, and heard him ejaculate ' Sorry, Edna.'

" She asked him who Edna was and he replied ' It must have been the girl I was chasing round the back yesterday.' When later she received a letter from the Air Ministry saying her allowance had ceased, she had inquiries made with the result that Bowles was arrested."

Challenged by Mother.

Miss Jones gave evidence that after the honeymoon Bowles left her " to rejoin his unit." Later he called at her parents' house and stayed with her there until 25th June.

On that day her mother challenged him with having a wife prior to his marriage to her. At first Bowles denied it but afterwards declared " Yes, I am married."

Det. Harrison said that when he saw him at his R.A.F. station Bowles said:

" When I met Edna I fell really in love with her and decided there was no one else for me. I took a chance to be happy with her and married her without disclosing that I was already married.

" Whatever happens to me for this there will be nobody else but Edna for me. I have no intention of returning to my own wife. My one regret is that I have deceived Edna and also her family and friends."

REMANDED IN PRISON

RAMSGATE BOY IN COURT

A 16-year-old Ramsgate boy was remanded in custody, in prison when he appeared before the magistrates at Ramsgate juvenile court on Wednesday.

The boy was alleged to have broken into and entered a warehouse at 131 Margate-road, Ramsgate, and stolen the sum of 1s. 6d. in money, a pair of men's trousers, a cardigan, a man's watch and two brooches, together to the total value of £3 6s. 6d., the property of Ada Verrion, between 5 p.m. on Saturday and 11.30 a.m. on Monday.

Temp. C/I Hicks asked for a remand until to-day.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that the application would be granted.

STOLEN FISH

MINSTER MAN FINED

" There has been so much pilfering going on that we view this matter seriously," said the Chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve) at Ramsgate county police court on Tuesday when George Henry Wilson, of Forge-cottages, Minster, was summoned for stealing 1½lbs. of fillet fish, value 1s. 10½d., from a N.A.A.F.I. canteen where he was employed.

There was a second summons of receiving the fish knowing it to have been stolen. Defendant pleaded not guilty to theft but guilty to receiving.

Inspr. Hann, K.C.C., stated that on 16th September a quantity of fillet fish arrived at the canteen store and defendant was told by the manager to take it to the cookhouse. In the evening P/S Wilkinson and P/C Ansell were on duty when they saw defendant cycling home. His pockets were slightly bulged and when asked by Sgt. Wilkinson what they contained he pulled out some pieces of fish. He was taken to Minster police station and made a statement in which he said that several of the fish boxes were broken and some fish fell to the ground. He alleged that an airman suggested he should take some fish home for tea but at an identity parade the following day was unable to point out the man who had made the suggestion.

The magistrates imposed a fine of 40s.

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INQUISITIVE SOLDIER

STOREBREAKING CHARGE DISMISSED

After a solicitor had applied for the case to be sent to a higher court, the magistrates at Ramsgate county police court on Tuesday dismissed two charges against a soldier who was accused of breaking and entering a storeroom at St. Augustine's Golf Club.

Defendant was Gnr. John Monkman, aged 20 years, and he was charged with breaking and entering the storeroom at the club with intent to steal on 29th September. The second charge was of entering the premises with intent to loot.

After Mr. T. T. Cropper, assistant county prosecuting solicitor, had given an outline of the case he said he had been instructed to make application for it to be heard at an assize court.

The Chairman (Mr. W. Booth Reeve) asked if that course was necessary and Mr. Cropper said no consent had been obtained from the Director of Public Prosecutions for the case to go to quarter sessions.

Mr. Booth Reeve: It seems such a waste of time. I should like five minutes with the gentleman who decided it.

Evidence was then heard by the lengthy process of depositions.

Catch Burst Off.

Frank Hickman, caretaker at the golf club, said the door of the storeroom was securely locked at 8 a.m. on 29th September. He went there 20 minutes later and heard footsteps. Walking into the building he saw the door of the storeroom slowly close and, opening the door, saw defendant, in uniform, inside. Asked what he was doing, Monkman said he was having a look round. Witness told him he would have to notify the police. The iron catch of the door had been burst off and that would have required considerable pressure. Defendant had no time to take anything.

Sgt. William Francis Alfred Edgecombe, of the same unit as defendant, gave corroborative evidence.

P/S F. Wilkinson, K.C.C., stationed at Minster, said he interviewed defendant in the presence of his officer at St. Augustine's Golf Club and he made a statement in which he said he " bumped " the door of the storeroom open with his knee. He did not steal anything and did not know it was a store.

When charged the next day with storebreaking with intent, Monkman said " I only went into the room because I was inquisitive."

The premises where the offence was committed, said witness, were situated in an area which had been subjected to air attack and the golfhouse itself had been damaged. When charged with intent to loot defendant made no reply.

This concluded the evidence and the magistrates retired for a brief period. When they returned the Chairman said " We have given this case more than the ordinary consideration with every care and we have come to the unanimous opinion that the evidence does not disclose sufficient facts to send this case for trial. It will be dismissed."

Turning to defendant, Mr. Booth Reeve said " Let me give you a word of warning—don't be inquisitive."

A MILITARY FAMILY

WESTGATE GOLDEN WEDDING

Married at Hulme Parish Church, Manchester, on 16th October, 1892, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Roberts, of 27 Belmont-road, Westgate, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts came to Westgate 27 years ago when Mr. Roberts, who is 77 years of age, was invalided out of the Army after 34 years' service.

Mr. Roberts was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal with an annuity of £10 in June, 1941. At the age of 16 he joined the 14th King's Hussars, in which regiment he served until he entered the Royal Military School of Music at Kneller Hall, where he qualified for the appointment as bandmaster of the Manchester Regiment in 1900. Six years later he transferred to the South Wales Borderers—of Rorke's Drift fame—serving as bandmaster until 1915, when he was invalided out, following a breakdown while serving in China. He had also served in India and South Africa.

Other medals Mr. Roberts possesses are the 1914-15 Mons Star, the General Service Medal, the Victory Medal and the Long Service Medal. Mr. Roberts comes from a soldiering family, for his father, Mr. C. Roberts, served with the 14th Light Dragoons (later Hussars) in the Indian Mutiny and Persian War of 1857, and his grandfather fought in the Peninsular War (1808-14) and at Waterloo.

Ramsgate's New Magistrate

HONOUR FOR RAILWAYMAN

The name of Mr. Alfred William Cave of 8 Wheatley-road, has been added to the Commission of the Peace for the Borough of Ramsgate.

Leading parcel porter at Ramsgate railway station, the town's new magistrate is chairman of the Isle of Thanet Trades Council.

A native of Deal, Mr. Cave went to France after leaving school and acted as assistant to professionals at various golf links in that country.

He joined the Royal West Kent Regiment in 1911 and was in India when the last war broke out. After serving on the North-West Frontier for three years he was sent to Mesopotamia and returned to England in 1918.

Since that time Mr. Cave has been employed by the Southern Railway, first at Bishopsbourne and then at Folkestone, where he was a signalman, and in 1933 he came to Ramsgate as leading parcel porter.

At Folkestone Mr. Cave was chairman of the local branch of the National Union of Railwaymen and six years ago he succeeded Mr. W. G. Love as secretary of the Ramsgate branch.

CHIEF WARDEN RESIGNS

MR. A. T. GRUMMANT LEAVES CIVIL DEFENCE SERVICE

Ramsgate has lost the services of its chief warden, Mr. A. T. Grummant, who has resigned his office.

It is understood that Mr. Grummant's resignation has been accepted by the Civil Defence Committee of the Town Council and took effect as from Friday.

The wardens' service, " Cinderella " of the Civil Defence Service, has made a valuable contribution to war-time Ramsgate and its efficiency is largely due to the enthusiasm and hard work put in by Mr. Grummant.

Mr. Grummant joined the A.R.P. service before the war and later took on the position of chief warden in a voluntary capacity. It became a salaried post in March, 1941.

A former member of the Town Council, Mr. Grummant served both in this country and overseas during the last war with the 21st Royal Fusiliers (Sportsmen's Battalion) and attained the rank of C/Q/M/S.

DEATH OF MR. LESLIE GITTINS

The death occurred at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, on Wednesday, at the age of 36, of Mr. Leslie Gittins, of Bradstowe, Springfield-road, Milton Regis, and formerly of Broadstairs.

Mr. Gittins was the youngest son of Mr. F. Gittins and the late Mrs. Gittins, formerly of Wellington House, York-street, Broadstairs.

After serving for some time as a clerk with Broadstairs Gas Co., Mr. Gittins in 1929 joined the staff of the gas works department of Milton Regis Urban District Council. A few months later he was married to Miss Mollie Mockler, daughter of ex-P.C. Mockler, of Ramsgate Borough Police Force. Since April he had been engaged on war work at Cambridge.

Mr. Gittins at one time played football for St. Luke's Athletic Club, Ramsgate.

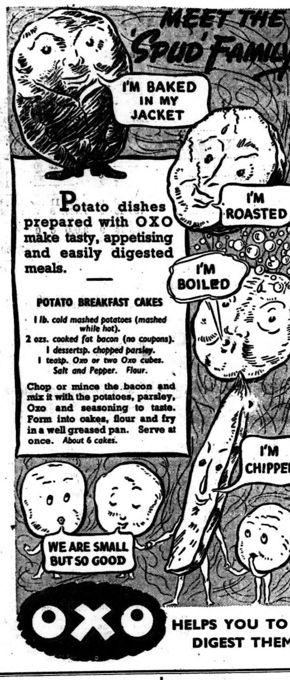
The funeral took place at Pembury on Saturday.

GAMING ROOM FINE

Alec Hurley, formerly of Ramsgate, was fined £2 and ordered to pay £3 5s. advocate's fee at Yeovil when he was summoned for using a room for unlawful gaming.

Harrison (Ramsgate) Ltd., whose address was given as Grove-avenue, Yeovil, pleaded not guilty to permitting, as occupiers, the room to be used by Alec Hurley for unlawful gaming. Amy Dorothy Poulton stated that beside herself the directors of Harrison Ltd. were her mother, two brothers and one sister.

The case against the company was dismissed.



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(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Strong criticism of the town's financial affairs was made at a meeting of Margate Town Council on Tuesday, when the Council in committee submitted reports recommending loans totalling £60,000 to meet deficiencies, and for repayment of previous loans. Councillor Stock said the town was in a parlous state, everyone knew that it was in a state approaching bankruptcy, through no fault of their own but owing to matters over which they had no control. The Mayor, in reply, said everything possible was being done by the Finance Committee. They could not expect the Government to do anything until they had a complete set of figures to place before them and he hoped they would be ready by the end of the month.

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The death occurred suddenly of Capt. H. E. Inskip, until a few months ago Harbour Master at Ramsgate. Capt. Inskip left Ramsgate in May to take up the position of Governor of the Royal Merchant Seaman's Orphanage, Snaresbrook. He was Harbour Master at Ramsgate for nearly 18 years and during that time many improvements had been carried out at the harbour and docks.

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Lt. J. F. G. Smith, Durham Light Infantry, attached Machine Gun Corps, has been awarded the Military Cross for gallant conduct in France. He is the son of Capt. and Adjt. J. G. Smith, K.V.R., and an old boy of St. George's Commercial School, Ramsgate.

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In recognition of the large number of members who have joined the forces, a roll of honour was unveiled at the headquarters of the Royal Ramsgate Lodge of the Order of Buffaloes, the Royal Oak Hotel.

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Pte. J. B. Butler, a machine-gunner serving with a Middlesex battalion overseas, has received his first stripe. He is a native of St. Peter's.

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Pte. E. J. Sanders, of Ramsgate, has lost the sight of one eye in going "over the top" in France. He was formerly employed at Mr. Hunt's Library in Addington-street, Ramsgate.

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Pte. A. B. Impett, of The Buffs, a well-known member of Ramsgate Liberal Club, writes "all merry and bright" from India and relates that when he was transferred to a service unit he had to sacrifice his stripes for no apparent reason.

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Cpl. A. Buddle, one of Ramsgate's policemen, who is at the war, has been home on ten days' leave. After three months in France he had the pleasure of an introduction to a new daughter. He is with a mounted section of the Military Police and at times when there is a big push going he assists to deal with the German isoners brought in.

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Two new magistrates have been appointed at Ramsgate. They are Mr. James Wright and Mr. W. McMaster.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE NEW ROAD

Considerable progress is being made with the new road works at Ramsgate. There seems to be a probability of the new Military-road being opened for traffic by Christmas, and the goodly proportions of the arches of the West Cliff portions are now creating much interest. With regard to the part of the cliff that has been railed off, naturally a little inconvenience is felt by the promenaders who, walking along the cliff at a rapid rate on a dark night, come full tilt against the fence. A somewhat remarkable accident occurred at the York-street end of the works on Tuesday morning. At a spot where the rubbish is deposited there is a slope of about a dozen feet and owing to some reason or other a cart overturned and fell down the slope, dragging the horse with it, the poor animal turning a complete somersault. Curiously enough, very little damage was done to the cart and the horse escaped almost without a scratch.

SKIPPER DROWNED

While subscriptions are still being collected for the widow and children of the late James Vanhear, of the smack Unity, the melancholy news comes to hand of the loss by drowning of another Ramsgate smacksman. The smack Choice, belonging to Mr. Goodbourne, arrived in harbour early on Monday morning, and the second hand, who had charge of the vessel, reported that during the gale on the previous night the skipper had accidentally fallen overboard. During a fierce cyclonic storm the skipper (Ansley) was assisting to haul the trawl. Suddenly, the unfortunate man was noticed to trip on a rope and before a helping hand could be lent he was swept overboard. All efforts to rescue him were futile and the crew finished their work and sadly turned the prow of their vessel homewards. Deceased was a comparatively young man and leaves a widow and six children. A subscription list has been opened and the Mayor will be glad to receive any assistance.

THE BRADSTOW LODGE

We understand that a dispensation has been granted by the Grand Lodge for a Masonic Lodge at Broadstairs. Appropriately enough the lodge will be named the "Bradstow." It is understood that Mr. George Blackburn will be the first W.M., although the position was offered to Mr. J. T. May, who declined the honour.

MALTA CONVOY

Margate Boy's First Trip

SHIP SUNK BY AIR ATTACK

Seventeen-year-old Frederick William Treves, son of Mrs. Treves and the late Dr. W. B. Treves, of Margate, developed a longing for the sea when at a preparatory school at Broadstairs.

He entered Pangbourne Nautical College. Although he had not reached the age when cadets are posted to a ship he persuaded the authorities to let him go and he was accepted by a well-known steamship line.

Freddie Treves sailed with the recently heavily-attacked Malta convoy and when his ship was sunk he saved the life of the wireless operator.

He was among those who complained that information as to the destination of convoys was given by the labelling of crates sent to the ports for loading on to ships.

His complaint reached the Earl of Cork and Ollery, who raised the matter in the House of Lords, with the result that a system of code markings has since been proposed to prevent the leakage of information to the enemy.

Presence of mind in the midst of great danger, coupled with a knowledge of life-saving, enabled Treves to save not only his own life but that of the wireless operator when their ship went down.

As the ship was rolling over and men were slipping into the water, he realised the possible fatal consequences of diving into the sea from the side which was going under. He rushed to the other side, despite the flames which were enshrouding the ship, and made the wireless officer go with him as he jumped clear.

The cool courage which marked his conduct in the water can be gathered from his modest description of the scene in a letter to Sir Philip Devitt, chairman of the Board of Governors of the Nautical College. The letter was reprinted in the "Times" last week to demonstrate the fine spirit of even the youngest and least experienced of British seamen.

Escaped Burning.

In the letter Cadet Treves wrote: "As regard saving the wireless operator, I owe a great debt to Mr. ——, who taught me life-saving. Without the knowledge which he gave me I am sure that 'Sparks' would have been probably burnt alive and I with him. As a matter of fact, 'Sparks' did not panic and so I had no fighting to do. It would have been extremely unpleasant for us both if I had had to as the waves made by the sinking ship were drawing me ever closer to her . . .

"I was not so brave as might have been supposed. My legs were getting so tired, despite the fact that I continually told 'Sparks' to kick up his. So I gave him a large chunk of wood and swam away on my back and talked to him all the time and said over and over again 'Kick your legs.' He shouted to me not to leave him but I told him to shut up and get on his back and kick. He told me afterwards that he learnt to swim in five seconds—which, as Mr. —— will, I think, agree, is just what he has been praying for ever since he has been at the college. So you see, sir, although I kept him afloat for a little while, I was really not very brave. I do loathe getting praise for something I know is not in the least praiseworthy.

"I have come to the conclusion that we are all cowards but some are jolly fine actors So you can see I was in a blue funk the whole time. One rather fine thing about our ship was the way in which the captain, whenever there was a raid on, would get out the jolly old rifle and have a shot at the —— Jerry, as he rather bluntly put it sometimes. He was a wonderful man and went down with the ship."

A KINDLY RECORDER

The Late Mr. Cecil Whiteley, K.C.

SANDWICH REMINISCENCES

The recent death of Mr. Cecil Whiteley, K.C., Common Sergeant of the City of London, at the age of 67, revealed that he was a sufferer from a rare complaint known as Paget's disease, which affects the bones, causing them to become brittle and liable to fracture at any moment. His right leg broke last July and he was convalescing near Wellington, Somerset, when he developed hypostatic pneumonia from which he died on Friday.

It was stated at the inquest that if Mr. Whiteley had lived, in all probability he would never have been able to walk again.

By his death the Bar and Bench have suffered a great loss.

He was educated at Dulwich (of which both he and his father, who was connected with South London municipal work for many years, became a governor) and graduated at Cambridge.

Mr. Whiteley was called to the Bar in 1900 and built up a large criminal and licensing practice, becoming a well-known and successful advocate at the Central Criminal Court, the London and Surrey Sessions, and on circuit. In 1912 he was appointed a Junior Counsel to the Treasury and held that post until he took silk some nine years later.

Recorder of Sandwich.

He was Recorder of Sandwich from 1920 to 1929, when he was appointed Recorder of West Ham, and in 1930 was made Recorder of Southend-on-Sea. He was chairman of the Surrey County Quarter Sessions for seven years from 1925, in 1931 was appointed chairman of the London Quarter Sessions, and in 1932 he succeeded Sir Holman Gregory as Judge of the Mayors and City of London Court. Two years later, Sir Holman Gregory being promoted to the post of Recorder of London, Mr. Whiteley followed him as Common Sergeant. Mr. Whiteley held many other legal appointments in the course of his long and distinguished career.

He was a very fine advocate and appeared in a number of cases of great public interest, among which may be mentioned that of "The Hooded Man"—John Williams, who was convicted in 1912 of the murder of Police Inspr. Walls at Eastbourne; in the course of the proceedings against Williams the accused was taken from London to Eastbourne for the purpose of being identified and the police placed a hood over his head while he was conveyed from the train to the police station, and from that day he was always referred to in the Press as "The Hooded Man."

Another well-remembered case was that of George Joseph Smith, who was sentenced to death at the Old Bailey in 1915 for the murder of Beatrice Mundy, at Herne Bay, on 13th July, 1912, by drowning her in a bath. Smith was also charged with causing the deaths of two other women by similar means in 1913 and 1914, and the case, in which Mr. Whiteley was one of the prosecuting counsel, created a great sensation all over the country and was followed with much interest; it will always be known as "The Brides in the Bath" case.

The Crumbles Murder.

Mr. Whiteley held a brief for the prosecution in what became known as "The Crumbles Murder," heard in 1920, when two men named Field and Gray were sentenced to death for the murder of a shorthand-typist named Irene Munro while on holiday at Eastbourne in the summer of that year, under revolting circumstances.

But perhaps the most sensational case in which Mr. Whiteley appeared was that of Frederick Bywaters and Edith Thompson who, in 1922, were convicted at the Old Bailey of the murder of Percy Thompson, the husband of Mrs. Thompson, at Ilford, and both were hanged. Mr. Whiteley defended Bywaters, and in his book of reminiscences published under the very apt title "Brief Life," in the spring of this year, he wrote: "There have been many well qualified to form an opinion, including the late Lord Birkenhead, who have expressed real doubts whether there had not been a miscarriage of justice in this case, so far as Mrs. Thompson was concerned." He also wrote: "At my first interview with Bywaters in Brixton Prison he asked me not to do or say anything in his defence which could in any way harm or injure Mrs. Thompson. On all the facts of the case I am convinced in my own mind that Mrs. Thompson never knew and Bywaters had never told her that he intended to kill her husband that night. Mrs. Thompson was not the sort of woman who would have been a party to or consented to any act of violence."

Bar's Worst Golfer.

When Mr. Whiteley was appointed Recorder of Sandwich, some members of the Bar, it is said, criticised his appointment on the ground that the Bar's worst golfer could hardly be expected to take proper advantage or appreciate the delights of the St. George's and Prince's links! None the less he made an excellent Recorder, and his large and wide experience of criminal law and practice stood him in good stead. It was part of my duty to be present at every Sandwich Quarter Sessions he presided over and one could not help being impressed with the dignity of his court and the justice he meted out. His summings up were models of clarity, generously fair to the people charged with offences and his sentences were never too severe.

His predecessor in the Recordership was the delightfully genial Sir Patrick Rose-Innes, who was held in affectionate esteem by the legal profession and was greatly liked by everybody having business in the court, and it was a task of some difficulty to prove a worthy successor, but the new Recorder quickly overcame that difficulty, and when the time for his removal to West Ham came it was generally recognised that the ancient town and port and borough of Sandwich its Members and Liberties had rarely, if ever, enjoyed the services of a better or more capable Recorder. Mr. Whiteley was very fond of Sandwich and looked forward with keen pleasure to his four week-ends spent in the locality every year of his Recordership, and when he left to take over the West Ham appointment the local justices presented him with a lovely painting of the old Guildhall.

His Friend in the Dock.

One fine summer afternoon soon after his appointment to Sandwich Mr. Whiteley strolled down to the sea shore and hired a boat. The man in charge turned out to be a very excellent companion and they parted on very friendly terms. Imagine the Recorder's surprise next morning when, on taking his seat in court, he found that the only person appearing to take his trial before him that day was his companion of the previous afternoon!

Mr. Whiteley was a great believer in the probation system and used it extensively in all the courts he presided over, but his first experience of binding over a prisoner instead of sending him to prison was not exactly a success. The man had tried to commit suicide by throwing himself into the sea from Ramsgate pier and admitted the offence. He had been in prison for some time awaiting his trial and the doctor under whose supervision he had been gave an opinion that it would be quite safe for him to be liberated. The reason for the act was ascribed to domestic trouble, and on promising not to repeat it again he was bound over and set free. Within a short time he did it again and on that occasion successfully.

Chastened Jurors.

On another occasion a man was charged at the Quarter Sessions with two offences of a similar character, alleged to have been committed in two different places within the jurisdiction of the court. The prosecution deemed it expedient to take what appeared to be the clearest case first and at the close of the case it looked a certainty that the defendant would be found guilty by the jury, the facts being very clear and hardly in dispute. But the jury were unable to agree on their verdict and asked permission to retire to consider the position. This being given readily enough, they retired to the jury room upstairs and after a long lapse of time returned with a verdict of "not guilty" to the astonishment of all in court. The Recorder ordered the second charge to be proceeded with and directed a fresh jury to be sworn to take the case, which was not nearly so strong as the one previously heard.

The new jury found a verdict of "guilty" on that charge after a few moments conference without leaving the jury box, and the Recorder passed sentence. The members of the former jury had been directed to remain in court and they had the pleasure of hearing the Recorder discharge their successors in the jury box with the grateful thanks of the borough and its Liberties for the service they had rendered that day and for the admirable way in which they had carried out their duties. At the end of the sitting, which lasted a considerable time longer, they were called up and abruptly told: "You are discharged." Those jurors left the court somewhat chastened in spirit.

Bellowing of Bulls.

Sandwich Quarter Sessions are generally held on Saturdays, which is not a very convenient day for those called to serve on juries. During Mr. Whiteley's Recordership considerable criticism was made of this practice of holding Saturday courts and so he ultimately left it to the local officials to try to fix a date likely to be convenient to everybody. (A rather thankless and difficult task.) The new arrangement came into operation at a Quarter Sessions held in July and the day chosen was a Monday.

It was a very hot day and every window and door of the Guildhall had to be left open when the court sat. Unfortunately that day happened to be Sandwich market day and the market is held just outside the court-house. The result was, to use Mr. Whiteley's own words: "that the bellowing of the bulls, the mooing of the cows, the bleating of the sheep, the barking of the dogs and other noises made it quite impossible to carry on the work of the court." The experiment had failed utterly and was never repeated. Thereafter the court resumed its sittings on Saturdays and continues to meet on that day.

I watched the Recorder very closely that Monday sitting and shall always maintain the view I then formed that he was not altogether sorry that the alteration of day had turned out so badly for the conduct of the court's business.

He was the only member of the legal profession appointed to a departmental committee which, in 1938, unanimously recommended that "the existing powers of the courts to pass sentences of corporal punishment should be abolished."

This recommendation has not yet been given effect to, but it will receive statutory sanction when normal times return without a doubt.

In a tribute paid to the work of the late Common Sergeant at the Old Bailey it was said that to a keen sense of justice, Mr. Whiteley allied a genuine kindness of spirit. All having experience in the courts presided over by him will agree with that description of him.

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WAR ADDS TO OUR MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE

If we were to work out a profit and loss account of our health in war-time, it would not be all loss. During the last war, for example, great advances were made in our knowledge of how the brain works, as the result of the opportunity to study wounds of the head: in another field, public schemes for the care of expectant mothers and young children and for the control of venereal diseases were introduced.

In this war, important discoveries and advances have been made, not only in curative but in preventive medicine.

The control of infection of wounds has advanced very greatly through the use of the sulphonamide group of drugs, introduced just before the war. These drugs are also used to cure diseases such as spotted fever—common in war-time—blood poisoning, childbed fever, gonorrhea and certain types of pneumonia.

The treatment of shock has been greatly improved by the discovery of new methods of storing blood for transfusion.

Saving Child Lives.

The prevention of disease has been helped in many ways. The campaign for protecting children against diphtheria by immunisation—if enough children are immunised and that depends on you—should wipe out diphtheria as an epidemic disease, as has been done in some other countries.

Research on the itch (scabies) has shown that it chiefly spreads by skin to skin contact and not so much by clothing and bedding as was formerly thought. In industry, the old truth, proved in the last war but since forgotten, that continued working for too long hours reduces output instead of increasing it, has been re-discovered. Short bursts—as after Dunkirk—yes; but it cannot be kept up indefinitely.

Lastly, the good effects on the health of the children of those town dwellers who were wise enough to obey the Government's instructions to send their children into the country and keep them there is obvious to anyone.

LITTLE THINGS THAT MATTER MUCH

The pattern of victory is not made up only of the big effort with the big things—the "Churchill" tank battle, the thousand bomber raid, the six million acres of grassland ploughed up on the farms of Britain with the aid of our great tractor power. It is the thousand-and-one seemingly trivial things that are the threads of the canvas on which the victorious pattern is woven.

Here are three small things affecting our farms that are vital threads; neglected on many thousand farms they would hamper the war effort. First, there is tractor vaporising oil—loosely called "paraffin." It's cheap—and the farmer is no doubt grateful that it's not rationed and that he doesn't have to fill up forms to get it. So what does it matter if there is a little waste? There's plenty more where that came from. But it does matter—vitally. It is not the same as "paraffin." it is not made here, it has to be brought through perilous seas by tanker. And what happens to gallant seamen in a bombed or torpedoed tanker cannot be told here. Not one drop of this fuel must be wasted on the farm. The few drops wasted daily on many farms soon mean another tanker—perhaps the one that never reaches port.

A dripping tap will waste two gallons a day. Dirty or leaky storage means waste, spilling also, so use a small-size container and a large funnel containing a strainer. Once the engine is running, start work immediately—the most efficient way to warm up. Keep the tractor loaded fully with implements doing the greatest possible amount of useful work.

Then there's binder twine, made from sisal. Most sisal came from Java—and the Japs have got Java. It is now an offence to destroy or waste twine. So what we have must be used over and over again for farm purposes. We must have twine for the greater harvest next year, so its use for other purposes must be drastically reduced. Cut as near the knot as possible at threshing time and see that the lengths are collected and carefully kept. When trussing, use only a single band.

Though the Allied Nations will eventually "win the rubber," the Japs at present hold the main sources of supply of that precious commodity. Hence there may not be enough rubber boots even for all essential needs. So on the farm they must be used only on jobs for which they are indispensable. They must be shared as far as possible, and well looked after. Where the number of workers is large enough, the farmer should provide a common pool of boots and issue as needed for suitable jobs. The Board of Trade are prepared, on conditions, to let the farmer have, through his War Committee, coupons to buy rubber boots for a common pool. But he must take proper care of them and see that they are used only for jobs involving standing in water or deep mud.

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JUMPED ON MOVING LORRY

RAMSGATE MAN COMMENDED

Mr. Arthur Smith, of 12 Albert-street, Ramsgate, has been highly commended for a gallant act performed recently.

Mr. Smith is employed as a lorry driver by Mr. E. Baxter, of Bolingbroke Farm, Sarre, and while driving recently between Maidstone and Chatham he saw an Army ammunition truck coming towards him apparently out of control.

Ditching his own vehicle to avoid a collision, Mr. Smith waited until the truck was level with him and noticed the driver was slumped over the wheel. He then jumped into the cab of the truck, pushed the driver away from the controls and brought the vehicle to a standstill.

The officer of the unit to which the truck was attached highly commended Mr. Smith for his action, which has been brought to the notice of the South-Eastern Military Command.

On another occasion recently Mr. Smith was driving near Chatham when he arrived on the scene of an accident and found a person injured. Being a member of the St. John Ambulance Brigade he rendered first aid. For his prompt action he was commended by the Chatham police surgeon.

HOW RAMSGATE IS SAVING

One of Ramsgate's most consistently successful savings groups is the Civil Defence casualty service group, which has been in existence since the end of May last year.

It started with a membership of 50 and was sent off with a flying start of £43 13s. 6d. for the first week. Two sections were run, namely the "cycle" and the "stamp" and at first the average weekly savings were £10. When the first target period of 13 weeks was run from July to September, 1941, the group aimed at £160, but actually saved £224 7s. 6d. Membership increased to 92 and the weekly average to £18, and this was maintained till the end of the year, but then, with the call-up of several members the weekly figure dropped to £12. The remaining members, however, rallied splendidly and during Warship Week saved the grand total of over £127.

The group received a temporary setback when both the secretary and treasurer were unfortunately obliged to give up, but a very enthusiastic member, Miss M. Carr, took over their work.

Since then the "cycle" method has been discontinued and the group has concentrated on the sale of stamps, which has proved to be a far better proposition.

The new secretary has put in a lot of hard work and in spite of the fact that the personnel on the casualty service is now smaller, she has increased the membership of the group to 117 and the average weekly savings now amount to £21 10s.

THE LIFEBOATS ARE READY

Acknowledging the third war-time statement of accounts of the Margate branch of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, submitted by the local hon. secretary, Mr. A. C. Robinson, Lt.-Col. C. R. Satterthwaite, secretary to the R.N.L.I., writes:

"Such voluntary service, together with the remarkable voluntary response of all sections of the public in support of the valour of our coxswains and crews at a time when the thoughts and energies of the whole nation are mobilised to victory, is characteristic of the spirit and comradeship of our people. No one is ordered to man the lifeboat and no one is ordered to contribute towards the cost, yet since the outbreak of war our crews have rescued over 4,810 lives and the people have given all the money we require. It is solely due to this spirit that, entering the fourth year of war, the lifeboat service is ready for all calls that may be made upon it, whatever the conditions or additional hazards, and you and your helpers may justly feel proud in this result of your endeavours."

NEXT-OF-KIN MEETING

Mrs. Howard, wife of Capt. A. F. W. Howard, D.S.O., R.N., was the chief speaker at a meeting in connection with the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation, held at St. George's Parish Hall, Ramsgate, on Thursday.

Introduced by Mrs. Farnsworth, local organiser, Mrs. Howard, who is assistant commandant for Kent of the organisation, explained to a large gathering of next-of-kin of prisoners of war how parcels should be packed and sent, via the Red Cross, to the prison camps. She appealed to them to carry out the instructions of the Red Coss with care in order to save unnecessary work and also disappointment to the prisoners.

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R.A.A.F. BRIDEGROOM

PRETTY RAMSGATE WEDDING

An officer of the Royal Australian Air Force was married to a Ramsgate girl at St. George's Church on Thursday.

The bridegroom was Plt.-Off. Ellis Ronald Charman, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Charman, of Melbourne, Australia, and the bride Miss Beryl June Hufflett, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hufflett, of 8 King-street, Ramsgate.

Given away by her father, the bride wore a dress of white satin and carried a bouquet of cerise carnations. She was attended by a maid of honour, Miss Lilian Lewis, whose dress was of rose pink marocain. Her bouquet consisted of pink dahlias and blue scabias.

The service was conducted by the Vicar (Rev. C. R. Farnsworth) and Plt.-Off. J. Reynolds, D.F.C., was best man.

A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride's parents and the happy couple are spending their honeymoon at Bournemouth, the bride's travelling attire consisting of a tailored costume with green hat and accessories and a fox fur.

ROAD TO HAPPINESS

JOHN BOLES AT KING'S

There's rich comedy, deep pathos, heart-stirring action, great singing and romance in John Boles' latest film, "Road to Happiness," which is the main feature at the King's Theatre, Ramsgate, to-day and to-morrow.

Boles has the part of an American expatriate who returns to his native land after years of study abroad. There is some superb acting in little Billy Lee's role as the son of the famed singer returned to find that his wife has left him and hidden away his boy. Mona Barrie plays the cold and calculating wife with the proper amount of venom and malice and for robust humour there's the rollicking spectacle of Roscoe Karns trying to look and act like a prosperous theatrical agent when bookings are few and far between. Ralph Byrd and Veda Ann Borg appear in "Duke of the Navy," the supporting film.

For thrills, action and excitement, "Wild Bill Hickok Rides," the chief attraction for the last three days of the week, would be hard to beat. A fine cast headed by Constance Bennett, Bruce Cabot, Warren William, Betty Brewer and Walter Catlett, fast-paced direction and a clever story all contribute in making the film rousing entertainment. Cabot plays the title role of Hickok, the two-fisted marshal, whose work in bringing law and order to the frontier towns has made his name one of the best known in the history of the Wild West. Constance Bennett is extremely well cast as the proprietress of a gambling hall. "Ghosts" of George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Jesse James and others haunt the film "The Remarkable Andrew," starring Brian Donlevy, William Holden and Ellen Drew, which will also be shown.

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MINSTER

Home Guard Dance.—A dance organised by the Minster Home Guard in aid of their Provident Fund and held in the Parish Hall realised £4 15s. 11½d.

Cub Pack.—Mrs. Medgitt is Cubmaster of the recently revived Minster Wolf Cub Pack and Alfred Fright, aged 15, has been appointed instructor.

Savings Coupons.—Arranged by the Kent Education Committee, the first of a series of 12 lectures on dress renovation was held at Minster Parish Hall on Tuesday.

License Transfer.—Ramsgate county magistrates on Tuesday approved the transfer of the license of the White Horse Inn, Minster, from E. H. Brown to Dora Martin.

Molineux Institute.—Mr. W. Loveday has been elected president of the Minster Molineux Institute, with Mr. P. Jezard as secretary. The club is to be opened three nights a week.

War Comforts Whist.—Prizewinners at a whist drive in aid of the War Comforts Fund held at Minster Parish Hall were Mr. Read, Mrs. Cornelius, Mrs. Farbrace, Mr. A. Walton, Mrs. Shilson, Mrs. A. B. Webb and Miss Forward.

Overtired.—For permitting an unscreened light to show from a window of her home at Eden-cottages, Prospect-road, Minster, on 11th September, Mrs. Gladys Dorothy Winter was fined 10s. at Ramsgate county police court on Tuesday. She told W/R Jones that she had been hop-picking and must have been overtired.

S.A. Officers Leave.—Capt. A. Orford and Lt. R. Paterson, who have commanded the Minster Corps of the Salvation Army since May, 1941, left last week to take up new duties. Capt. Orford has gone to South Willesborough, near Ashford, and Lt. Paterson to Milton Regis. Their place at Minster is being taken by Lt. Sutton, of Milton Regis.

A.T.C. INSTRUCTORS WANTED

Instructors in morse and aircraft recognition are wanted by C and D (Ramsgate) Flights of the Thanet Squadron of the Air Training Corps.

Those interested in this important branch of training for the R.A.F. should get in touch with the Acting Adjutant at Chatham House School, Ramsgate, on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings.

RAMSGATE

Estimates for Removal or Storage.—Hardings, 3 Staffordshire-street, Turner-street, Ramsgate.

Whist Drives held every evening at Ramsgate Working Men's Club, Chatham-place, at 7 p.m., in aid of the Red Cross Fund. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

Whist Drives every Thursday at 3 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Services Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prizes.

License Transfer.—Ramsgate magistrates on Monday approved the transfer of the license of the Alma Inn from Herbert Harris to William Hodshon Searles.

Savings.—The value of savings certificates sold at Ramsgate for the week ending 17th October was £1,260 and the sum of £135 deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank brought the total for the week to £1,395.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Unscreened Light.—For permitting an unscreened light to show during the black-out hours from the Furniture Mart, Broad-street, Ramsgate, on 7th October, Horace George Waldron, of Margate-road, was fined £2 at Ramsgate police court on Monday. W/R Lucas said he saw the light showing from the premises at about 9 p.m. and, with another police officer, gained admittance by cutting away the first aid repairs from a window in the front of the building. A strong light of 100 watts was showing from the centre of the building and there was no black-out material either in the front or the back. Defendant told the magistrates he had to switch the light on during the afternoon, was called away and did not return.

COUNCIL OF READERS

FIRE GUARD POSTS

Sir,—We fire-watchers of No. — post have read with great interest the letter written by "One of Them" asking that a "square deal" be given to we who are carrying out these duties. We are of the opinion that the writer has outlined the injustices we are called upon to bear reasonably and logically. If he has erred at all it is upon the side of leniency. Whether our protests will have any effect upon the powers that be remains to be seen. But it is up to the fire-watchers themselves to see to it that their voices are heard.

Only by unity can these matters be put right. I, as one of this post, some while back wrote personally to the Regional Commissioner, asking him to visit Ramsgate and see the conditions for himself. Whether it was through my letter or not, the fact remains that he paid us a visit. But he was not shown what we wished him to see—posts that had had to be fumigated because they were so verminous. He was taken to the model posts, which were nicely furnished with easy chairs, beds with spring mattresses, blankets provided and nice clean pillow slips on the pillows. If the honour of escorting him round had been left to us we could have shown him a very different picture.

We can honestly say that whatever comfort there is on any post has had to be provided either by the fire-watchers themselves or by kind-hearted people who appreciate our services.

Now, as to the registration the writer referred to. What a farce. There are still dozens of able-bodied men who do neither fire-watching nor any other duty, by the simple fact that when called upon to register all who had registered previously were told there was no need to re-register. The result is that many who were previously granted exemption by stating they were carrying out Civil Defence work, etc., are still exempt, although they are not now carrying out the duties on account of which they claimed exemption. The consequence is, they now do nothing at all, while men of close upon 60 have to turn out for them. If we had our way, everyone would refuse to fire-watch until everyone had re-registered and be made to prove that he was genuinely entitled to exemption. Furthermore, no fire-watching would be done until every able-bodied man who was not otherwise engaged was rounded up from the tunnels.

We wish to thank "One of Them" for the publicity he has given our case and we only regret he has not given his name, perhaps for good reasons. But we sincerely hope his letter and ours will instil a little of the fighting spirit into other fire-watchers and that they will all join us in the stand we are making. Only by doing so can we obtain justice. We regret we cannot give our names, as there are too many of us. So must be content to sign ourselves

TWENTY-ONE MORE OF THEM.

ARMY CADET RECRUITMENT

The age of entry into the Ramsgate and Margate Army Cadet Unit referred to in previous issues should have read "14 to 17" and not "14 to 18," as stated.

Vicar's Induction.—It is hoped that the Archbishop of Canterbury (Dr. William Temple) will be present at the induction of the Rev. K. Percival Smith as Vicar of Margate, which has been provisionally arranged to take place on 3rd December.

A Thousand Applications

RAMSGATE WAR RELIEF FUND

HELP FOR THOSE IN DISTRESS

Since its inauguration two years ago over a thousand applications for assistance have been dealt with by Ramsgate War Relief Fund.

Activities during the past year are reviewed in the annual report presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. F. G. Carter) at a meeting of the committee at Clarendon House on Friday.

The committee consists of the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), chairman, the Mayoress, Councillors Mrs. F. L. Dunn, Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Rev. Harcourt Samuel and J. B. Butler, Lady Carson, Mrs. C. Galloway Mrs. D. Peete, Messrs. H. J. Perry, H. G. Curtis, J. Woods (Public Assistance), F. G. B. Urwin (Assistance Board), J. L. Clean (hon. treasurer) and F. G. Carter (hon. secretary).

"As members will be aware," states the report, "this fund was inaugurated by his Worship the Mayor in September 1940, when an appeal was made through the local press and selected individuals for contributions to the fund. This was followed by an appeal which the Mayor made through the press of Canada and America, and as a result of these strenuous efforts £2,760 14s. 9d. has been received to date of which sum £1,000 was received from Guildford in respect of that town's adoption of Ramsgate. Numerous bales of clothing and shoes have also been received for distribution to deserving cases.' In addition to this the Mayor has received three separate grants of £1,000 from the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund.

Two Sections.

"In connection with the £3,000 received from the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund, the Regional Secretary of that fund asked that the money should be used only to assist actual cases of air raid distress and not cases of war poverty, and in these circumstances the Ramsgate War Relief Fund was split into two sections, i.e., the Air Raid Distress Section and the War Distress Section, contributions from the Lord Mayor's Fund being allocated to the Air Raid Distress Section and the money collected by the Mayor to the War Distress Section."

The report stated that receipts to date amounted to £5,760 14s. 9d., comprising £3,000 from the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund and £1,760 14s. 9d. for the War Distress Fund. Payments from the Air Raid Distress Fund amounted to £1,564 11s. 5d. leaving a balance of £1,435 8s. 7d. and payments from the War Distress Fund £2,023 19s., leaving a balance of £736 15s. 9d.

"Since the commencement of the War Relief Fund 1,017 applications for assistance have been dealt with," continued the report. "The number of grants made has been 940 and 77 applications for assistance have been refused for various reasons. Christmas tickets for grocery and coal to the value of 5s. each were issued to 583 needy persons at Christmas, 1941, and since September last vouchers for grocery, etc., amounting to £255 have been issued.

Distress Fund Replaced.

"In this connection I would like to point out that the Mayor's Local Distress Fund has been closed and applications for relief from that fund are now being dealt with under the War Distress Section of the Ramsgate War Relief Fund. A large amount of clothing has been received from various sources and as necessity arises distributions are made to deserving cases. The Mayoress and Mrs. Peete (Welfare Officer), on behalf of the committee, have undertaken the work of distributing clothing. A grant of £150 has been made from the donations received from Guildford to the Ramsgate Education Committee for the purpose of supplying shoes and boots to children attending schools within the borough in cases where parents are themselves unable to purchase shoes and boots for their children.

"The work carried out by the Ramsgate War Relief Fund has been of much benefit to many unfortunate people who have suffered financially as a result of the war, and it has been possible to help many applicants whom the Assistance Board and Public Assistance Department are unable to assist.

"It is hoped that the public will continue to give their support to the fund because although recent increases have been made in respect of allowances for old age pensioners, war services allotments, etc., it is anticipated that local calls upon the War Distress Section of the fund will be heavy during the coming winter.

"In conclusion I should like to thank the Mayoress, Mrs. D. Peete, Welfare Officer to the fund, the hon. treasurer, hon. auditor and officials of the Public Assistance and Assistance Board for their help and co-operation during the past year."

The financial statement for the period 10th September, 1940, to 30th September, 1942, audited by Mr. S. C. Scarlett, F.S.A.A., will be found on Page 4.

POPPY DAY

Collectors are required for the Poppy Day collection to be held at Ramsgate on 11th November.

Members and friends of the Legion are particularly asked to assist, if only for an hour or two, and all willing to help are asked to send their names to the honorary organiser at Ramsgate British Legion, Allenby House, Cliff-street, as early as possible.

As the collection and return of trays during the black-out presents a difficulty, arrangements are being made for this to be done in daylight and for collectors who cannot collect their trays arrangements will be made for their delivery.

N.F.S. BALL

A good time is promised at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate, on Friday, when the annual ball of the National Fire Service is being held.

Frederic Hargraves and his band will supply the music and the fun will last from 7.30 p.m. till 12.30 a.m.

There will be a fully licensed bar and plenty of attractive prizes. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, are obtainable from any local fire station.

Black-out To-day 6.14 p.m.—7.15 a.m.

On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN AND WOMEN

In the hall of Penistone House, St. Lawrence, now the offices of the Ramsgate Corporation Gas and Water Department, hangs a list in a large glass frame. It contains the names of no fewer than 38 men who have left the department to serve their country—24 in the Army, 11 in the Royal Air Force and three in the Royal Navy.

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The Gas and Water were noted in peace-time for their footballers and cricketers and no doubt many of them are now giving useful help to service teams. Bill Andrews, who has a good cricketing reputation, is with the R.A.O.C. in Ceylon and has been promoted to the rank of captain. A good all-rounder and one of the leading sportsmen of the department, Charlie Hurst has just left to join the General Service Corps, in which he will train for six weeks before being posted. Johnny Gordon, noted particularly for his football prowess, is now a rigger in the R.A.F. and is at present stationed in Scotland. Wally Setterfield, former secretary of the football and cricket clubs of the department, was on leave recently and looking as fit as ever. Life in the R.A.O.C. seems to suit him. Other sporting "gasmen" in the services include Bill Matthews, formerly a lamplighter and now a lance-corporal in The Buffs, Pte. Len Solly, another lamplighter, of the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, Les Beech (Royal Navy) and Percy ("Pimp") Acott (Royal Artillery). We wonder if Phil Bartlett, well-known in the department as a boxer, is keeping up the sport in the Royal Navy.

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The O'Brien brothers, Frank and Charlie, are both sergeants in the Royal Artillery and the latter is on radio-location work. Several more of the lads are serving with the R.A., including Alf Dines, who was wounded at Dunkirk, Syd Morrell, now in India, Fred Towner, Bobby Cornforth, a despatch rider, Syd Solly, Bill Pollard and Bill Gower. Bill Teall, formerly a mainlayer, is now with a bomb-disposal squad in the Pioneer Corps, Horace Taylor is also attached to that service, and among those in other branches of the Army are George Jeffery, Herbert Cox, son of Mr. Albert Cox, well-known in the old days as a member of Ramsgate Town F.C., Johnny Wyborn and Charlie Goldsmith (Buffs), Percy Champs (Hampshires), Arthur Burnell (R.A.S.C.) and Desmond Head (R.A.O.C.).

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Although the list gives 11 members in the R.A.F., there are actually ten of them in that service as Henry Holden has been transferred to munition work. Morris Thom is training in Canada and his brother Don is the latest to leave the department for the Air Force. Dennis Hannaford, now in Africa, was formerly chairman of St. George's Young Men's Association and his colleagues in the department who have joined the R.A.F. include John Sudds, Francis Young, Austin Bevan, Len Bishop, George Ruthven, son of Mr. R. H. Ruthven, the gas and water engineer and manager, and George Lurcock. Fred Garwood is serving in the Royal Navy.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces—so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

Sub-Lt. Douglas A. Pointer, Fleet Air Arm, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pointer, of 150 Grange-road, Ramsgate, is keeping fit and well at his prison camp in Germany and has been putting on weight. An old Ruymian, he joined the Fleet Air Arm on leaving Chatham House at the age of 18. Now 22 years of age, he has been in Germany just over two years. With him is his pilot, Lt. Deterding, who is a son of the oil magnate. Doug has just been moved from Oflag VI B to Oflag XXI B, which is near the Polish border. His 20-year-old brother Leslie, formerly a dental mechanic in Ramsgate and Stafford, is now serving in the Dental Corps and has recently been home on leave.

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A prisoner in Poland, Rflmn. Cyril Nichols, of 26 St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate, plays the clarinet in his camp band, which also includes two accordeons, four trumpets and two violins. Cyril was captured at Calais and is now working in a factory. He has two brothers in the forces—20-year-old Bdsmn. Arthur Nichols, who plays the French horn in a Rifle Brigade band, and Pte. Reg Nichols, aged 24, in the Middle East with the R.A.O.C.

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Miss Kathleen Mason, an usherette at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, left on Friday for service in the A.T.S.

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Richard Haslewood, formerly of our editorial staff and now with the Royal Armoured Corps, has gained his first stripe. From his camp in the South of England he writes to say that he has discovered two Ramsgate fellows who have recently joined his regiment. One is Tpr. Wilfred Sanders, of 40 Spencer-square, Ramsgate, with whom he had a night out recently, and the other Tpr. Henry Moyes, who married Miss Eileen Butler, daughter of Mr. S. F. Butler, Chief Constable of Ramsgate. Henry was for many months an A.R.P. driver at the A & B Garage depot and he and Dick worked together at Ramsgate Harbour during the evacuation of Dunkirk. Dick says he has been hoping for a sort of Ramsgate reunion but has been unable to get a free night for many moons. The only other Ramsgate chap at his camp is Norman (Ginger) Farley, whose father, Mr. J. Farley, formerly kept a furniture mart in Chatham-street. Norman has been away from the regiment for some weeks on detachment in Scotland.

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Serving with the Lancashire Fusiliers, Sidney A. Sokel, elder son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sokel, formerly of Marine-terrace, Margate, and now residing at Wembley Park, has been promoted to the rank of company quartermaster sergeant. He is 24 years of age.

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Capt. B. Butts, M.C., of the K.O.Y.L.I., was on leave in Ramsgate last week. He served with the same regiment as captain in the last war, rejoined as 2nd-lieutenant soon after the present war broke out and has now regained his former rank.

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Formerly a member of the staff of Ramsgate Borough Engineer's Department, 2nd-Lt. John Cotton, Royal Engineers, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant on completion of his training. He has been spending a few days in Ramsgate prior to his first posting. Lt. Cotton is a nephew of Henry Cotton, the famous golfer.

RAMSGATE WAR RELIEF FUND

Balance Statement for period 10th September, 1940, to 30th September, 1942

RECEIPTS.	£	s.	d.
Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund	3,000	0	0
War Distress Fund	2,760	14	9
	5,760	14	9

PAYMENTS.	War Distress Fund. £	s.	d.	Air Raid Distress Fund. £	s.	d.	Total. £	s.	d.
Grants to Individuals	1,816	8	0	1,530	1	2	3,346	9	2
Traders' Tickets	137	11	4	9	18	9	147	10	1
Loans	32	0	0	—	—	—	32	0	0
Hon. Secretary's Expenses (Postages, etc.)	10	1	4	18	12	6	28	13	10
Stationery	—	—	—	5	19	0	5	19	0
Printing	11	1	0	—	—	—	11	1	0
Carriage, etc. (Clothing)	16	17	4	—	—	—	16	17	4
	2,023	19	0	1,564	11	5	3,588	10	5
Balances in hand	736	15	9	1,435	8	7	2,172	4	4
	2,760	14	9	3,000	0	0			
							5,760	14	9

I certify that the above Statement of Accounts for the period to 30th September, 1942, is correct and in accordance with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto.

(Signed) C. STANLEY SCARLETT, F.S.A.A.,
of Scarlett & Goldsack,
36 High Street, Ramsgate.

17th October, 1942.

TASTY DISHES FOR AUTUMN DAYS

There are so many different vegetables about just now that the greengrocers have an air of perpetual harvest festival. Marrows are ripe and full of flavour, celery fresh and fragrant. Cabbages are nutty and sweet for salads and there are the last ripe tomatoes that we should eat raw in order to make the most of the valuable juices.

Here are recipes with suggestions for using these good things. They are all for four people.

Celery Savoury Stew.

1 good head of celery
½lb. of brussel sprouts
½lb. thinly sliced potatoes
½lb. of mashed potatoes
1 teacupful of breadcrumbs soaked and squeezed
1 teaspoonful of mixed sweet herbs
4 tablespoonsful of dripping
1 tablespoonful of gravy thickening
1 dessertspoonful of flour
Salt and pepper

Mix together the potato, crumbs, herbs and 2 tablespoonsful of melted dripping. Season with salt and pepper and form the mixture into small rolls. Melt the rest of the dripping in a saucepan, season it with pepper and salt, drop in all the best parts of the celery, cut into 3in. lengths the thinly sliced potato, and the sprouts trimmed and cut in halves. Turn in the hot fat, put on the lid and simmer for 10 minutes. Pour in a pint of water and simmer again for 20 minutes. Drain off some of the liquid, thicken it smoothly with the gravy powder and the flour, put back, just bring to the boil, put in the savoury rolls and cook gently together for 5-10 minutes. Sprinkle in a little celery green just before serving.

Vegetable Marrow Stuffed with Cheese.

1 medium-sized marrow
1 breakfastcupful of mashed potato
¼lb. of grated cheese
1oz. margarine
Chopped parsley
Pepper

Slit the marrow in halves lengthways and scoop out the seeds. Warm half the margarine and coat the insides of the marrow pieces with it. Put the boat-shaped pieces on a greased baking tin, bake for 15 minutes. Take from the oven, fill the marrow with grated cheese, smooth the potato well mashed with the rest of the margarine over the top of the cheese and put back into the oven for 10 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley and serve while the cheese is soft and melty. While this is cooking make another dish to eat cold for the next meal.

SERVICES ENTERTAIN

BRIGHT SHOW AT ODEON

Among the lads from the three fighting services who gave such a topping programme on the stage of the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, on Friday, was one of Carrol Levis' "discoveries."

He was Smn. Ronald Charles, whose home is in Ebb-Vale, South Wales, and his speciality was bird mimicry. Ron presented several perfect imitations of the notes of British birds, and his clever background to Ketelbey's "In a Monastery Garden," played on the piano by Mr. A. T. Burley, provided a beautiful effect.

Gnrs. Bert Haines and Stan Moore, both of Birmingham, opened the programme with some lively numbers on the piano and accordeon, and the show would have gone smoothly on to the next item if Gnr. Jimmy McIntyre hadn't made a thorough nuisance of himself by interrupting the announcement of the popular manager, Mr. R. N. Paterson. However, Jimmy was soon put in his place and Acm. Alan Ginn, R.A.F., of Plymouth, came to the piano to play the fascinating "Warsaw Concerto" and the evergreen favourite from "New Moon," "Lover come back to me."

Eng.-Mech. Kenneth Harrington, of Grays, Essex, another representative of the Royal Navy, showed his audience what surprising effects can be obtained from the humble mouth-organ, especially when the tune happens to be "Tiger Rag." He followed up his musical efforts with some realistic impersonations of film and radio stars, including Charles Boyer, Popeye, Syd Walker, Donald Duck and Harry Roy.

Altogether it was a grand show by the forces for the forces—but the civilians enjoyed it quite as well.

Next Friday will see the second round of the Odeon's talent contest, the final of which takes place on 13th November. On Friday, 6th November, a full concert party will occupy the stage.

Mr. Paterson is always searching for new talent so if you fancy yourself as an entertainer give him a call at any time.

POLICE BEAT R.A.

In a shooting match last week Ramsgate Police defeated a Royal Artillery team by 223 points to 181.

Police—P/C Shanahan 15 and 11, W/R Scott 20 and 15, D/C Oram 20 and 13, P/S Wait 15 and 6, W/R Brenchley 20 and 9, S/C Fearn 15 and 6, S/C Luckett 15 and 11, P/S Jenner 15 and 17.

Artillery—Gnr. Cooper 15 and 0, Gnr. Leeder 10 and 11, Sgt. Duckworth 20 and 12, Sgt. Hogben 15 and 0, B/S/M Fall 15 and 6, Bdr. Murray 15 and 9, Gnr. Allcock 20 and 1, Gnr. Terry 20 and 12.

CHOOSING FOR THEMSELVES

FREEDOM IN EDUCATION

By L. A. G. STRONG

In every scheme of post-war reconstruction the subject of education takes a leading place. It must; for it is the basis of reconstruction. Reconstruction is not just a matter of replacing what has been destroyed, even in an improved form. It begins in the heart, and in the mind which is the heart's expression. All creeds and parties are agreed that our education is all-important and needs reform. They differ only in the nature of the reform.

This universal concern with education is a heartening sign, and some of the schemes into which it has flowered are more heartening still. As a result of free conference between the heads of every type of school, there exists—on paper—a plan for a democratic system of education which would give each boy and girl the same opportunity, no matter how deep or shallow the parents' purse. Each would be studied and helped according to ability and character. The clever child from the poorest home would have an equal chance with the duke's son and the millionaire's daughter. And, for the earliest years, there would be the same state school for all.

Besides this plan, which is the work of men and women of all parties, there are schemes for adult education, for increased facilities of all kinds, for abolishing the tyranny of exams, and for a fuller political education. This last branch, as might be expected, has enjoyed the special attention of political parties; and the Conservative Party has recently published a report outlining the steps which it thinks desirable.

Before I comment on this report, it may be well for me to indicate my own position. I was educated largely by means of scholarships won in open competition. From a preparatory day school I went to a public school and from there to a university, aided by a classical scholarship and a leaving scholarship from school. I then turned schoolmaster and taught for 12 years at an establishment conservative enough to satisfy the most die-hard of Tories. (The sons of several Liberal statesmen began their careers there, too.) Since leaving the teaching profession, I have been in and out of schools of all kinds. I have done quite a bit of broadcasting to schools and had a good deal to do with teachers from practically every sort of school in the country.

Regimentation.

As a result of this experience, I think I am tolerably free from educational prejudice. If I have a bias, it might be expected to lean in the conservative direction. It will then indicate the strength of my reaction if I say that certain tendencies in the Conservative report seem to me wholly damnable.

I do not propose to give these suggestions any further currency by detailing them here. They tend, as anyone who cares to look at the report will see, towards the regimentation of young people in directions presumably approved by the bigwigs of the Conservative Party. In any case, it is not the directions that I care about so much as the principle at the back of them—the vicious, deadly, stultifying, age-old principle of "Get 'em young": the attempt to get hold of the young and force their minds into a mould before they have the chance to see and to choose freely for themselves. In a word, the flat and blasphemous denial of all that education stands for.

It is no excuse, no shadow of excuse, to claim that the ends in view are good and that the ideals to be shoved down youthful throats make for the world's betterment. Hitler has claimed as much; and, even if few agree with him, the young people of Germany have succumbed by the million, believing what they are taught. It does not matter under whose banner the foul thing is done, nor for what high purpose. To get hold of a boy or girl and decide what he or she is to think and feel before the age of choice is reached is to deny free will and commit a spiritual rape. (We fix an age of consent for physical seduction, but none for mental or spiritual.) It is to abrogate the soul's right of choice, and, if we are successful, to limit the status of a new generation to the imaginative range of our own. As an ex-teacher, I hold it to be the sin against the Holy Ghost.

No Freedom of Choice.

We have heard that the Jesuits used to say "Give me a child till he is seven, and you can have him for the rest of his life." I do not wish to bring in a note of religious controversy; but, if the saying is true, I do not see how the claim could be made good except by clamping an immature mind into a strait-jacket. Nor do I see what good the resultant piety would be to the man-handled soul which was possessed by it. Like the policy of moral censorship, this method aims to secure virtue by excluding all that might threaten it. Souls thus assaulted or cossetted can have no real freedom of choice.

An old teacher of mine at Oxford once rebuked a public man who demanded various prohibitions for undergraduates, telling him that an essential of university education was some degree of freedom to go wrong. This is my creed—and not only in a negative sense. Are we so much wiser than our young people? Are we so sure we have the secret of a better world? Have we, then, shown so brilliantly? How dare we assume that, if we do not shepherd and hustle them, they will choose worse than we? May they not choose much better?

No. Our part is to help them fight for their freedom; to be at hand if they want us, and keep out of their way if they don't. The more schools I visit, the more I see of boys and girls, the more I believe in them, in their generosity, their vision, their sense of fair-dealing, their freedom from the fears and prejudices that have marred our courses. We have no right to choose for them. They must choose for themselves. To try to rob them of their freedom to choose is to enlist, not for reconstruction, but for the devil.

BROADSTAIRS

Lady Astor's Visit.—Lady Violet Astor, M.P., will speak in connection with the Red Cross Prisoners of War Fund when she visits the Garden-on-the-Sands Pavilion, Broadstairs, on 3rd November.

National Savings.—The sum of £219 raised in national savings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's during the week ending 17th October was comprised of savings certificates £148, defence bonds £25 and net deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank £46.

Allotment Holders' Association.—Out of 400 allotment holders in the district 80 have so far joined the Broadstairs and St. Peter's Allotment Holders' Association. At a meeting of the association the Chairman (Councillor B. Humphrey) stated that a membership of 300 was aimed at.

B.B.L. Lecture.—Mr. John Blinko, of Ramsgate, gave an interesting talk on the Cinque Ports at a meeting of the Brighter Broadstairs League held at Queen's-road Baptist Schoolroom. He spoke of the great traditions of the ports and the services they rendered to the nation in days of old.

Forty-one Years' Service.—Mr. Sydney J. Latchford, of 55 Northdown-road, St. Peter's, has retired from the service of Broadstairs Council after nearly 41 years' as an engine driver at Rumfields Pumping Station. He saw many improvements while at the station, including the installation of the water softening plant.

Music Recital.—The recital of music given by three artistes of the Council for the Encouragement of Music and the Arts at Broadstairs Parish Church last week, was heard by a large congregation. The artistes were George Parker (baritone), Sybil Eaton (violin) and Eric Thiman, Mus.Bac. (organ).

Red Cross Whist.—Prizewinners at Friday's whist drive in aid of the Red Cross held at the Rose Inn, Broadstairs, were Mrs. Bowers, Mrs. Payne, Pte. Holden, Pte. Russell, Mrs. Fowler, Mrs. Legge, Mrs. Rudland, Miss Wing, Sgt.-Maj. Atkins, Mrs. Shingleton and Mrs. Price. Ten and a half tables were in play and the M.C. was L/Bdr. Newton.

Templar Debate.—The weekly meeting of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., held in the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday, was presided over by Mr. A. B. Impett, P.D.S.J.W. Messages were received from a large number of absent friends and the lodge chaplain, Mrs. McCabe, conducted the intercession service. A spirited debate was opened by Mrs. A. Hawes, who moved that "Environment has a greater influence than heredity." This was opposed by Mrs. L. A. Ware, and a number of members took part in the discussion, including Mrs. Watt, Mrs. Hunt, Mrs. Isaacs, Mrs. Lowe, Miss Rixon, Mrs. McCabe and Mr. A. B. Impett.

A.T.C. CHAPLAIN

In succession to the Rev. D. V. Beckingham, formerly Vicar of Margate, the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Vicar of Ramsgate, has been appointed chaplain to the Thanet Squadron of the A.T.C.

Canon A. W. MacMichael, Vicar of Minster, is now assisting chaplain for Minster and the Rev. Father T. A. Keniry has accepted the position of Catholic chaplain to the squadron.

Thanksgiving.—The sum of £54 was realised as a result of Thanksgiving Day at Minster Parish Church.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

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BIRTHS

Chiddention.—19th October, at Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, the wife of Acm. 1 Douglas Chiddention, R.A.F., of a son.

Cuckney.—21st October, at 17 Salmestone-road, Margate, the wife of Ldg. Acm. Cuckney, R.A.F., of a son.

Dove.—15th October, at 15 Salisbury-avenue, Ramsgate, the wife of John Dove, of a son.

Grant.—21st October, in London, the wife of Sec. Ldr. Leonard C. Grant, N.F.S., of a daughter.

Hubbard.—16th October, at Reading, the wife of Leslie Hubbard, of a son.

Hogben.—19th October, in Margate General Hospital, the wife of William Hogben, of a son.

Orbell.—25th October, at Kench Hill Nursing Home, Tenterden, to Phyllis (née Weeks), wife of Maurice Orbell, Croygate, Pegwell-road, Ramsgate, the gift of a son (Peter James).

MARRIAGES

Charman—Hufflett.—22nd October, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth, Plt.-Off. Ellis Ronald Charman, of Melbourne, Australia, to Beryl June Hufflett, of Ramsgate.

DEATHS

Fox.—18th October, at 64 Albion-road, St. Peter's, Frederick Charles Fox, aged 85 years.

Harlow.—21st October, at Margate General Hospital, Herbert George Harlow, late of Garlinge.

Jarman.—19th October, at Thames Ditton, Surrey, Ellen Sophia Jarman, late of 38 Clifton-road, Margate, aged 79 years.

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